

Remarks

Status of the Claims:

Claims 1-39 are pending.

Claims 6, 11-18, 22, 26, 30, and 39 are canceled.

Claims 1-5, 7-10, 21, 23-25, 27-29, 31-38 are presented for consideration.

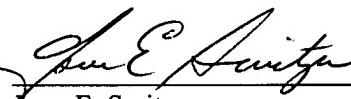
Applicants respectfully request consideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments. No new matter has been added.

The Specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to the related PCT application, PCT/US2004/021889, filed July 9, 2004, and to the provisional application, U.S.S.N. 60/486,639, filed July 11, 2003.

Applicants believe that the claims presented contain patentable subject matter and a favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Any fees that may be due in connection with the filing of this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 13-2755. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be of value, he is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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